

# Privately Owned Firearms on Columbus Air Force Base



Personnel residing on Columbus Air Force Base (CAFB) are authorized to own Privately Owned Firearms (POF). There are stipulations detailed in Enclosure 1 to Tab A to Appendix 6 to the CAFB Base Defense Plan (BDP). A copy of this enclosure is available to all personnel on base through the 14th Security Forces Squadron (14 SFS).

All POFs on the installation must be registered with 14 SFS Combat Arms (CATM) prior to carry, transport and storage. Registration is covered further in this pamphlet and the CAFB BDP.

On CAFB, carrying of a POF in an open configuration is only authorized in the hunting/shooting recreation areas by authorized participants. Concealed carry of a POF is only authorized on the installation if approved, in writing, by the 14th Flying Training Wing Commander (14 FTW/CC) or Vice Commander (14 FTW/CV). Concealed carry is covered further in this pamphlet and the CAFB BDP.

Transportation & Storage of POFs is authorized by DoD personnel and dependents assigned to the installation. However, there are caveats prior to being permitted to transport and store the POFs. These are covered further in this pamphlet and the CAFB BDP.

International Military Students and family are prohibited from transporting, possessing, storing, purchasing or using privately owned firearms and ammunition.

All firearms stored on the installation are required to be registered, regardless of duration. Once registered usage of the listed approved storage areas on CAFB is authorized for all DoD ID card holders and does not require written approval. Note: The AF Form 1314, Firearm Registration, is the required document for all registrations.

CATM manages the POF registration for the installation. They can be reached in bldg. 926, rm 106 or at (662) 434-7139. Regardless of where the firearm is being stored an AF Form 1314, Firearm Registration, must be completed, before or at the time of storage. Additionally, a completed DD Form 2760, Qualification to Possess Firearms or Ammunition, must be turned in with the AF Form 1314 to SFS and the members unit must maintain a copy of the DD Form 2760.

Security Forces Armory can assist with the registration during non-duty hours and also provide storage of POFs. However, storage in the Security Forces Armory does have limitations and requirements in order to check the firearm back out. Please read the storage section of this pamphlet and the CAFB BDP for full details.

## Concealed Carry

Concealed carry permission can only be granted by the 14 FTW/CC or 14 FTW/CV. The permission must be in writing for no more than 24 months. All requests for CAFB will be staffed via eSSS through the 14 SFS/CC with unit commander concurrence. A standardized template will be used for requests.

The approving authority must verify the requirements listed in DoDD 5210.56, Section 4 and DoDM 5100.76\_DAFMAN 31-101V2, enclosure 5, paragraph 8 are met before granting authority to concealed carry. In order to be eligible the DoD Directive lists Age, Disciplinary Status, Civilian Criminal Charges, Training, Official Authorization and ability to meet federal, state and local requirements to carry a firearm.

The signed written authority granted by the approvers listed above must be carried with the member at all times when carrying concealed.

The member requesting approval must also affirm in writing they will not be under influence of alcohol or other intoxicating / hallucinatory drug or substance while carrying a POF, they will meet federal, state and local requirements, they will inform arming authority about any changes that could affect their permission to carry a POF, they will comply with all federal, state and local law regarding use of a POF, to include but not limited to use of deadly force, self-defense and accidental discharge, they will also acknowledge they may be held personally liable for injuries, death, property damage proximately caused by negligence in connection with possession or use of POFs.

## Transportation

DoD personnel and dependents assigned to the installation are permitted to transport POFs. Current and valid concealed carry permit holders are allowed to transport POFs in concealed fashion from the gate to the storage location. All other personnel may transport their POF(s), however the firearm must be unloaded and ammunition physically stored separate from the weapon.

During transport, the POF will be unloaded and out of reach of vehicle occupants. If the vehicle configuration does not allow the POF to be out of reach of vehicle occupants, then the POF must be secured in a gun storage device. A gun storage device is defined in storage in the pamphlet and the CAFB BDP. If stopped by Security Forces, declare the weapon and the destination.

Civilian visitors on base who are found to be in violation of this enclosure will have their weapons/ammunition held/confiscated by SF and will be escorted off base. Note: This does not apply to civilian or federal police, investigative agencies, or funds escort officials who are certified by the State of Mississippi or the federal government. These persons are permitted to carry firearms on the installation for official business. These personnel will only travel through facilities and areas where it is necessary to conduct the official business.

Individuals who purchase weapons from the Columbus Base Exchange are immediately subject to these requirements. Upon completion of purchase, members must immediately depart the store and transport their firearm to an approved base storage location, or off the base.

## Storage

The authorized POF storage areas on CAFB are privatized housing, Lodging parking area (lodging occupants only), the SF armory and public parking areas with the exception of Dormitory parking areas. The POFs will be unloaded and stored in a secure gun storage device. If stored in an unattended vehicle, it will be in a gun storage device and concealed from public view. A gun storage device is defined by Title 18 U.S.C., section 921, paragraph (a)(34) which reads: A device that, when installed on a firearm, is designed to prevent the firearm from being operated without first deactivating the device; A device incorporated into the design of the firearm that is designed to prevent the operation of the firearm by anyone not having access to the device; or a safe, gun safe, gun case, lock box, or other device that is designed to be or can be used to store a firearm and that is designed to be unlocked only by means of a key, a combination, or other similar means.

(1) Privatized housing and Lodging parking area. Personnel residing in contracted on-base housing are authorized to store their POF in their quarters after registration. Personnel staying in lodging are allowed to store their POF in their vehicle as described above.

(2) SF armory. The armory is available for storage of POFs by base residents, personnel TDY/transitioning through or visitors of CAFB. Personnel wishing to use this option must give a minimum of 48 hour notice to withdraw their POF, IAW AFMAN 71-102. To store or withdraw privately-owned weapons, or conduct other business with the SF armory, contact the ECC at 434-7128/7129.

(3) Public parking areas. These are defined as duty location and retail parking areas on the installation. Examples of areas prohibited by this definition are dormitory (enlisted and officer), drives and roadways in privatized housing.